

**AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF
TIMOR-LESTE
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM
ON THE WAIVER OF VISA REQUIREMENTS
FOR HOLDERS OF DIPLOMATIC AND OFFICIAL OR SERVICE
PASSPORTS**

The Government of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste and the Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, hereinafter referred to singularly as the "Party" and collectively as the "Parties";

CONSIDERING the existing friendly relations between the two countries;

DESIRING to facilitate the entry of nationals of both Parties who are holders of valid national diplomatic, official or service passports into the respective countries;

IN ACCORDANCE with their respective laws and regulations;

HAVE AGREED as follows:

Article I

This Agreement covers the following types of valid passports issued by the Parties:

- a) For the Government of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste: Diplomatic and Service Passports;
- b) For the Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam: Diplomatic and Official Passports.

Article II

Nationals of either Party who are holders of valid passport types mentioned in Article I of this Agreement shall be exempted from the obligation to obtain visas for entry, exit, transit and stay in the territory of the other Party for a period not exceeding thirty (30) days from the date of their entry,

provided that they shall not take up any employment, be it self-employment, or any other private activity in the territory of the other Party.

Article III

1. The Parties shall exchange, through diplomatic channels, their respective valid passport specimens within thirty (30) days after the signing of this Agreement.

2. The Parties shall inform each other, in writing, through diplomatic channels about the introduction of new types and classifications of passports as well as any changes or modifications of the existing ones and shall provide relevant specimens within thirty (30) days prior to their introduction.

3. In case of loss, damage, expiration or cancellation of diplomatic and official or service passports in the territory of the receiving Party, the holders shall immediately notify the competent authorities of the receiving Party through its diplomatic mission or consular post accredited to the receiving Party. After issuing a new passport or travel document in accordance with its laws and regulations, the said diplomatic mission or consular post shall inform the relevant authorities of the host country of the revocation of the lost or damaged passport, as well as the issuance of new passport or travel document.

Article IV

1. Nationals of either Party who are members of the diplomatic mission or consular post of the sending Party accredited to the other Party, shall be exempted from visa requirements for entry into and exit from the territory of the host Party for the same period of thirty (30) days, provided that they are holders of diplomatic and official or service passports as indicated in Article I of this Agreement.

2. The visa exemption granted to persons referred to in Paragraph 1 of this Article shall also be applied to their spouse and children provided that they are holders of diplomatic and official or service passports.

3. Within thirty (30) days from the date of entry, the persons referred to in Paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Article shall complete necessary procedures for registration of stay with the competent authority of the host Party as required by its applicable laws and regulations.

Article V

Nationals of either Party who are holders of diplomatic and official or service passports entitled to visa exemption under the provisions of Article II and Article IV of this Agreement shall enter, transit through or leave the territory of the other Party only through designated border control points for international passenger traffic, provided that they observe the laws and regulations of the respective Parties governing the entry, travel and stay of foreigners.

Article VI

The Parties shall inform each other immediately of any changes in their respective laws and regulations governing the entry, exit and stay of foreigners.

Article VII

This Agreement does not affect the obligations of nationals of either Party to abide by the laws and regulations in force in the territory of the other Party.

Article VIII

Competent authorities of each Party reserve the right to refuse the entry or terminate the stay in its territory of any holders of valid passport types mentioned in Article I of this Agreement on the ground of national security, public health, public order, legal restriction, or who have been declared as *persona non-grata*.

Article IX

1. For reasons of maintaining public order and security, either Party may suspend application of this Agreement in whole or in part.

2. The suspension as well as its revocation shall be notified to the other Party in writing through diplomatic channels at least thirty (30) days in advance.

Article X

Any dispute arising between the Parties concerning the interpretation or implementation of this Agreement shall be settled by consultations and negotiations through diplomatic channels.

Article XI

This Agreement may be amended or revised and supplemented at any time, if deemed necessary, by mutual written consent of the Parties. Such amendments or revisions shall enter into force in accordance with the same legal procedures prescribed in Paragraph 1 of Article XII and form as an integral part of this Agreement.

Article XII

1. This Agreement shall enter into force thirty (30) days after the date of receipt of the last notification by the Parties of the completion of their internal procedures necessary for its entry into force.

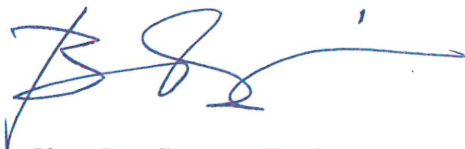
2. This Agreement shall remain in force for an indefinite period, unless one Party notifies the other Party in writing through diplomatic channels of its desire to denounce this Agreement.

3. The denunciation will be effective sixty (60) days after the date of the receipt of the notification referred to in Paragraph 2 of this Article.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized by their respective Governments, have signed this Agreement.

DONE at Ha Noi, on 1st August 2024, in two originals in the Portuguese, Vietnamese and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of any divergence of interpretation of this Agreement, the English text shall prevail.

**FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF
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